

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A recording method for recording data in a recording media by a recording device, said recording method comprising:

reading from the recording media identifying information which identifies the recording media ~~from the recording media~~; and

recording the data on the recording media only when the read identifying information is the same as stored identifying information which was stored in the recording device prior to the reading step being carried out,

wherein the step of recording the data includes encoding the data by key data formed by using the identifying information, and recording the encoded data in the recording media.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) A recording method for recording data in a recording media by a recording device, said recording method comprising:

discriminating whether identifying information which identifies the recording media is recorded on the recording media;

preparing the identifying information which identifies the recording media when in response to the discriminating step ~~discriminatinges~~ that the identifying information is not recorded anywhere on the recording media;

recording the prepared identifying information and the data on the recording media when the identifying information was not previously stored on the recording media; and

storing the prepared identifying information in the recording device.

4. (original) The recording method according to claim 3, wherein the step recording the data includes encoding the data by key data formed by using the identifying information, and recording the encoded data in the recording media.

5. (previously presented) The recording method according to claim 3, wherein the identifying information is prepared based on the information peculiar to the recording device.

6. (currently amended) A recording method for recording data on a recording media by a recording device, said recording method comprising:

discriminating whether identifying information which identifies a recording media is recorded on the recording media;

in response to when—the discriminating step ~~discriminates~~ that the identifying information is not recorded anywhere on the recording media,

preparing the identifying information,

recording the prepared identifying information and the data on the recording media, and

storing the discriminated identifying information in the recording device; and

in response to when—the discriminating step ~~discriminates~~ that the identifying information is recorded on the recording media,

reading the identifying information from the recording media, and

recording the data in the recording media when the identifying information read from the recording media is the same as the identifying information which was stored in the recording device prior to the reading step being carried out, and not recording the

data in the recording media when the identifying information read from the recording media is different than the identifying information which was stored in the recording device prior to the reading step being carried out.

7. (original) The recording method according to claim 6, wherein the step of recording the data includes encoding the data by key data formed by using the identifying information, and recording the encoded data in the recording media.

8. (previously presented) The recording method according to claim 6, wherein the identifying information is prepared based on information peculiar to the recording device.

9. (currently amended) A recording device for recording data in a recording media; said recording device comprising:

reading means for reading from the recording media identifying information which identifies the recording media;

storing means for storing the identifying information;
and

discriminating means for discriminating whether the identifying information read by the reading means is the same as stored identifying information which was stored in the storing means, wherein when the discriminating means discriminates that the identifying information read by the reading means is the same as the stored identifying information which was stored in the storing means, the data is recorded in the recording media, and wherein when the discriminating means discriminates that the identifying information read by the reading means is different from the stored identifying information which was stored in the storing means, the data is not recorded in the recording media,

wherein the data is encoded by key data formed by using the identifying information and the encoded data is recorded in the recording media.

10. (cancelled)

11. (currently amended) A recording device for recording data in a recording media, said recording device comprising:

discriminating means for discriminating whether identifying information which identifies the recording media is recorded in the recording media;

preparing means for preparing the identifying information in response to the discriminating means discriminating that the identifying information is not recorded anywhere on the recording media; and

storing means for storing the identifying information, wherein ~~when~~ in response to the discriminating means discriminates that the identifying information is not recorded anywhere in the recording media, the preparing means prepares the identifying information, the prepared identifying information and the data are recorded in the recording media, and the prepared identifying information is stored in the storing means.

12. (original) The recording device according to claim 11, wherein the data is encoded by key data formed by using the identifying information and the encoded data is recorded in the recording media.

13. (previously presented) The recording device according to claim 11, wherein the preparing means prepares the identifying information based on information peculiar to the recording device.

14. (currently amended) A recording device for recording data in a recording media, said recording device comprising:

reading means for reading from the recording media identifying information which identifies the recording media;

preparing means for preparing the identifying information; and

storing means for storing the identifying information,

wherein ~~when~~ in response to the reading means discriminatinges that the identifying information is not recorded anywhere on the recording media, the preparing means prepares the identifying information, the prepared identifying information and the data are recorded in the recording media, and the prepared identifying information is stored in the storing means, and

in response to ~~when~~ the reading means discriminatinges that the identifying information is recorded in the recording media, the data is recorded on the recording media.

15. (original) The recording device according to claim 14, wherein the data is encoded by key data formed by using the identifying information and the encoded data is recorded in the recording media.

16. (previously presented) The recording device according to claim 14, wherein the preparing means prepares the identifying information based on information peculiar to the recording device.

17. - 19. (cancelled).